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PROCUREMENT OF OBSOLETE SPARE PARTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the obsolete spare parts worth crores of rupees are accumulated in the three wings of Defence Forces;

(b) if so, the details of such spare parts, their estimated cost, their origin and year of procurement;

(c) the quantum of obsolete spare parts auctioned during the last three years, year-wise and amount derived out of the sale of these spare parts;

(d) whether the Government have reviewed the procedure for fresh procurement of spares and imposed some restriction i.e. stock of spare parts held is utilised/exhausted before ordering for fresh lots;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The spares are of various types, origin and vintage. The details of obsolete spare parts, their estimated cost, origin and year of procurement are not readily available.

(c) The quantum of obsolete spare parts auctioned during the last three years are:

Year	No. of items Disposed	Value (in Crores)
2000-2001	6804	2.99
2001-2002	9380	3.19
2002-2003	14143	3.55

(d) to (f): There is established procedure in the Services for assessing the requirements of spares. The requirement of various spares is reviewed from time to time and all necessary steps are taken to ensure their optimum utilization.